STATEMENT

Function of the Air time Committee of India as per clause 6 (i) of the scheme of allotment of time slots on the Metro channels of Doordarshan and FM channels of Air at Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta notified on 30.9.1992

(a) Invite applications by issue of public notice from individuals who should be citizens of India/companies with majority Indian shareholding/partnership firms all of whose partners should be citizens of India for the purpose of allotment of time slots on the television/radio channels.

(b) Issues licence and allocate suitable time slots for the programmes on the channels of AIR/Doordarshan.

(c) Review the programmes telecast/broadcast by the licensees.

(d) Consider, decide and take action for suspension/revocation of licence.

(e) Decide the quality parameters for the programmes on the channels.

(f) Act as the forum for redressal of complaints/grievances in respect of the programmes telecast/broadcast by the licensees under the Scheme.

Publication of Tamil Daily Namadhi-MGR

2604. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 143 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd February, 1993 and state:

(a) whether the Tamil Daily Namadhi MGR is still being published from Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the name of the publisher is still the same as mentioned in the above referred answer; and

(c) whether the DAVP has released any advertisement, recently, to this newspaper?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The contract period with DAVP for issue of government advertisements to this Daily expired on 30.6.1990 and thereafter the publisher did not apply for renewal of contract till date. Therefore, the paper's present status is not known.

(c) No, Sir.

Eastern India motion pictures association's decision to stop production distribution and ezhibition of films

2605. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Eastern India Motions Pictures Association has decided, recently, to stop the production, distribution and exhibition of films indefinitely with effect from March 5, 1993 in protest against Government's reluctance in combating cable TV and Video piracy; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is not in receipt of any such communication from the Eastern India

Motion Picture Association. But it has been noticed from press releases about such a decision as also a decision to defer the same for three months on an assurance by the West Bengal Infor mation and Cultural Affairs Minister.

The press reports reveal that the grievances of the association is against the state government of West Bengal only. However, Government of India has initiated action to frame rules to regulate cable TV and video piracy in the country.

Advertising agencies threat to Doordarshan

2606. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ad-agencies have threatened to dump DD for Star TV if DD does not improve its programmes, drastically; and

(b) if so, what are the proposals of the DD to improve its programmes to avoid huge loss on advertisements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Doordarshan is constantly endeavouring to bring about a qualitative and quantitative improvement in its programme content and format.

महात्मा फुले पर टेलीफिल्म

2607. श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल :

डा. बापू कालदाते :

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार महात्मा फुले पर कोई टेलीफिल्म बनाने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस फिल्म को बनाने की प्रक्रिया में विलंब किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) फिल्म का निर्माण कब तक पूरा हो जायेगा और इसे कब तक प्रदर्शित कर दिए जाने की संभावना है;

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार इस फ़िल्म का नाम बदलने के बारे में विचार कर रही है ;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(च) क्या सरकार इस फिल्म का मौलिक नाम रखने का विचार रखती है ;

(छ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के.पी. सिंह देव) : (क) से (ग) जी हां, दूरदर्शन द्वारा कमीशंड टेलीफिल्म के अप्रैल, 1993 के अन्त तक पूरी होने की आशा है।

(घ) जी, नहीं।

(ङ) से (छ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

पटना दूरदर्शन केन्द्र का कोटिउन्नयन

2608. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पटना दूरदर्शन केन्द्र में इस